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Applicant: Francois G. Moore, et al.  
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Title: PROVISIONING A NETWORK ELEMENT USING  
CUSTOM DEFAULTS

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**FOURTH REQUEST FOR STATUS**

Please advise as to the status of the above-identified patent application. Applicants filed a Request for Status with the PTO on September 2, 2004, a Second Request for Status with the PTO on March 2, 2005, and a Third Request for Status with the PTO on July 21, 2005. To date, Applicants have not received any communication on the merits. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully inquire about the status of the present application, and in particular request notice of when the first Office Action on the merits will be issued.

If there are any matters that can be resolved through a telephone conference, please contact the undersigned attorney for Applicants at telephone number (214) 953-6494.

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